Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring system performance and communicating detailed system performance data via an enhanced graphical user interface, comprising:

querying a current monitoring configuration;

monitoring system performance using instructions obtained from the current monitoring configuration;

polling system data according to the current monitoring configuration; [[and]]

displaying the polled system data on a graphical user interface, wherein the graphical user interface comprises a target-type management vector display including regions representing levels of system performance and a metric point within the display identifying the current status of system performance at a particular point in time; and

performing an adjustment to system operations based on a region in which the metric point is located in the target-type management vector display to move system performance towards a target operational state represented by a point where the vertical axis and horizontal axis meet on the management vector display.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether the polled system data is reportable;

selecting a report to display the polled system data; and

identifying information in the polled system data to display in the report.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metric point within the target-type management vector display provides the performance status of a particular area of the system at a particular time.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein multiple metric points are used in the display to identify a trail of system status information determined at fixed periods of time.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the metric trail is used to determine the effect adjustments to system operation have on system performance.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the distance between consecutive metric points indicates the rate of change of system performance over a fixed period of time.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the target-type management vector display includes a vertical axis and horizontal axis representing user-defined attributes.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the user-defined attributes include transactions over time.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein industry baseline metrics are used to set the attributes.

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the target-type management vector display comprises three regions, wherein a first region indicates satisfactory performance, a second region indicates improvement required performance, and a third region indicates unacceptable performance.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the regions are displayed using different colors.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface includes multiple target-type management vector displays, each display representing system performance for a different set of variables.

15-43.   (Canceled)

44.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
       updating the target-type management vector display to include a new metric point identifying an updated status of system performance as a result of the adjustment to the system operation.